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For: **PARTIALLY CAPTURED ORIENTED INTERCONNECTIONS FOR BGA
PACKAGES AND A METHOD OF FORMING THE INTERCONNECTIONS**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2001, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 14-26, drawn to device, classified in class 257, subclass 678. This election is made with traverse, and Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with unelected claims 1-13.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-26 are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay

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and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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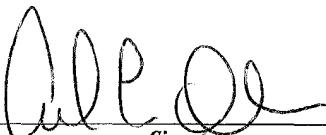
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